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Guest Co-editor, *Yale French Studies*, special issue, *Pereckonings: Reading Georges Perec* (105, 2004).

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Editorial Board, "Stages" Series, University of Nebraska Press, 1989-present.

Editorial Board, French Review, 1997-present.

Editorial Board, French Forum, 1998-present.

Editorial Board, *Context*, 2002-present.

Editorial Board, Center for Book Culture, 2004-present.

Editorial Board, North Carolina Studies in Romance Languages and Literatures, 1998-present.

Editorial Board, Revue critique de fixxion française contemporaine/Critical Review of Contemporary French Fixxion, 2009-present.

Editorial Board, Formules, 2011-present.

Editorial Board, Romance Notes, 2013-present.

Translation Advisory Board, Dalkey Archive Press, 2005-present.

Selection Committee, "Recherche au Présent" Prize, 2013-present.

Member, "Différences de potentiel" Project, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, 2013-present.

Advisory Board, "Poetics and Politics of Literary Experimentality," University of Jyväskylä, 2013-present.

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Interim Director, Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Colorado, 1997-98.

Co-organizer, International Colloquium on Twentieth Century French Studies, University of Colorado, March 1993.

Chair, "Experimental Writing in France" Session,
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Chair, "Oulipo: In Search of Form" Session, Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, April 1984.

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Chair, "Hantise et héritage" Session,

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